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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office communication dated April 5, 2004. The original period of response to the Office Action is a statutory period of one (1) month from the mailing date of the Office Action. This response is timely filed if filed on or before May 5, 2004, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.10. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge these additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 13-0019. Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the patent application and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

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